GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:341
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PERMISSION TO PRIVATE AIRLINES TO FLY ABROAD
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is promoting private Airlines by giving them various facilities including the permission to fly abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether inspite of permission from Directorate General of Civil Aviation, some private Airlines have not been allowed to fly abroad; and

(d) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c)and(d):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 341 for reply on 18.08.2005 regarding ' Permission to private airlines to fly abroad'

(a)&(b):- The decision to allow the private airlines to operate on foreign routes was taken to facilitate optimal utilization of our traffic entitlements so that country benefits in terms of employment, business opportunities, foreign exchange earnings etc. vis-Ã -vis foreign countries, besides enhancing much needed capacity on the international routes. According to this decision, Indian scheduled carriers having continuous operations of at least 5 years in the domestic sector and having a minimum fleet size of 20 aircraft have been permitted to operate on all international routes except UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

(c)& (d):- Based on the requests received from them following private scheduled carriers have been designated to operate to the under-mentioned countries:-

Jet Airways: Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, UK, Belgium, USA, Malaysia, Singapore.
Air Sahara:Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, UK, Malaysia, Singapore.
Out of the above, actual operations have commenced as follows:-
Jet Airways: To Colombo, Kathmandu, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and London.
Air Sahara: To Colombo, Singapore and Kathmandu.
Actual operations are, however, based on commercial judgement of the airlines concerned